

We claim:

1. A method of processing transactions at a workgroup server, comprising:  
receiving first transaction information corresponding to a transaction at a local database associated with a workgroup user client;  
receiving second transaction information corresponding to a transaction at a master database associated with a master database server;  
updating a workgroup database based on said received first transaction information and said received second transaction information;  
identifying those transactions that did not originate at said master database server; and  
sending transaction information corresponding to said transactions that did not originate at said master database server to said master database server.
2. The method of claim 1, wherein said receiving of one of said first transaction information and said second transaction information comprises receiving a transaction file.
3. The method of claim 1, wherein said receiving of one of said first transaction information and said second transaction information comprises receiving said transaction information in an inbox.
4. The method of claim 1, further comprising updating a transaction log.
5. The method of claim 4, wherein transactions originate at a node and said identifying comprises reviewing originating node information for transactions reflected in said transaction log.
6. The method of claim 5, wherein said identifying comprises skipping transactions that originated at said master database server.

7. The method of claim 1, further comprising placing transaction information associated with said identified transaction into an outbox.
8. The method of claim 7, wherein said sending comprises sending transaction information to an inbox of said master database server.
9. A computer program product, comprising:
  - computer-readable program code for causing a computer to update a workgroup database based on received transaction information corresponding to transactions at a local database associated with a workgroup user client;
  - computer-readable program code for causing a computer to update a workgroup database based on received transaction information corresponding to a transaction at a master database associated with a master database server;
  - computer-readable program code for causing a computer to identify those transactions that did not originate at said master database server;
  - computer-readable program code for causing a computer to send transaction information corresponding to said transactions that did not originate at said master database server to said master database server; and
  - a computer-usable medium configured to store the computer-readable program codes.
10. The computer program product of claim 9, wherein said received transaction information includes a transaction file.
11. The computer program product of claim 9, further comprising computer-readable program code for causing a computer to place transaction information in an inbox.
12. The computer program product of claim 9, further comprising computer-readable program code for causing a computer to update a transaction log.

13. The computer program product of claim 12, further comprising computer-readable program code for causing a computer to review originating node information for transactions reflected in said transaction log.

14. The computer program product of claim 13, further comprising computer-readable program code for causing a computer to skip transactions that originated at said master database server.

15. The computer program product of claim 9, further comprising computer-readable program code for causing a computer to place said identified transaction into an outbox.

16. The computer program product of claim 15, further comprising computer-readable program code for causing a computer to send transaction information to an inbox of said master database server.

17. A method of processing transactions at a workgroup server, comprising:  
receiving transaction information corresponding to transactions at a local database associated with a workgroup user client and transaction information corresponding to transactions at a master database associated with a master database server;

reviewing said received transaction information to identify those transactions that should be sent to said master database server; and

sending transaction information corresponding to said transactions identified in said review to said master database server.

18. The method of claim 17, wherein said receiving comprises receiving transaction information in an inbox.

19. The method of claim 17, wherein transactions originate at a node and said reviewing comprises review originating node information.

20. The method of claim 17, wherein said sending comprises sending said transaction information to an inbox of said master database server.